Water way Passenger Service between Sagar Island in West Bengal and Varanasi

5194. SHRI RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start waterway passenger service between Sagar Island (Kapil Muni Ashram) in West Bengal and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such proposal with the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Madras High Court Bench at Tanjore

5195. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a bench of Madras High Court at Tanjore for speedy clearance of pending cases; and

(b) if so, the time by which this bench is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to set up a bench of Madras High Court at Tanjore. It is therefore not possible to indicate whether and when the Bench would be set up.

Awards to Banks for Better Recovery

5196. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give awards to those branches of public sector banks where recovery of loans is above ninety percent, as an incentive to improve the recovery of loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to give award to those branches of public sector banks where recovery of loans is above 90%, as an incentive to improve the recovery of loans. Timely sanction and disbursement of credit, effective supervision and prompt efforts for recovery of dues are normal and essential pre-requisites of the system of supervised credit management of banks. In their normal role, expected of banks functionaries, they are to make all out efforts in making the recovery management a success.

Export-Import and Trade Deficit

5197. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports, imports and